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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 693

House of Representatives, March 20, 1929.

Read and on motion of Mr. McKinnon tabled pending adoption and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

House Amendment "A" to House Paper 332 entitled "An Act
to Incorporate the Mexico Water District."

Amend by striking out the whole of section eight and
2 inserting in place the following:

'Sec. 8. All the affairs of said water district shall be
2 managed by a board of trustees composed of three members,
3 chosen in either of the following methods: (1) approved
4 by the municipal officers of said town of Mexico, or (2)
5 elected by ballot by a plurality vote of the legal voters of
6 said district; such method of choosing to be adopted by the
7 legal voters of said district at the special meeting to be
8 holden at the time and as provided by section sixteen hereof.
9 Before entering upon the duties of their office the said

10 trustees shall file a bond for the faithful performance of
11 their trust, with the treasurer of said town of Mexico, in
12 such sum as may be required, from time to time, by the
13 selectmen of said Mexico, the premium for said bond to be
14 paid by the Mexico Water District. As soon as convenient
15 after the members of said board have been chosen and
16 qualified, said trustees shall hold a meeting and organize
17 by the election of a president and clerk, adopt a corporate
18 seal and when necessary may choose a treasurer and all
19 other needful officers and agents for the proper conduct and
20 management of the affairs of said district. At said first
21 meeting they shall determine by lot the term of office of
22 each trustee so that one shall serve for one year, one for
23 two years and one for three years, and whenever the term
24 of office of a trustee expires, the body which appointed said
25 trustee shall appoint a successor to serve the full term of
26 three years, and in case any other vacancy arises it shall
27 be filled in like manner for the unexpired term. They may
28 also adopt such by-laws as are necessary for their own con-
29 venience and the proper management of the affairs of the
30 district. The term of office of said trustees first chosen
31 shall be considered to date from the first Monday of April,
32 in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.
33 Said trustees may procure an office and incur such expenses
34 as may be necessary. Each member shall receive in full
35 compensation for his services an allowance of fifty dollars
36 per annum. In case at the special meeting held as men-

37 tioned in section sixteen hereof the legal voters of said
38 district shall determine that such trustee shall be elected by
39 ballot of the legal voters resident with such district, then for
40 the purpose of such election, after the first election which is
41 to be holden as provided hereinafter, a special election there-
42 for shall be called and held on the fourth Monday of
43 March in each year, the same to be called, warned and
44 conducted in accordance with the same provisions made in
45 section sixteen hereof, so far as the same may be applicable
46 thereto. At the close of each fiscal year the trustees shall
47 make a detailed report of their doings, of the receipts and
48 expenditures of said water district, of its financial and
49 physical condition, and of such other matters and things
50 pertaining to said district as shall show the inhabitants of
51 said district how said trustees are fulfilling the duties and
52 obligations of their trust, such reports to be made and filed
53 with the municipal officers of the town of Mexico.'

By striking out the whole of section sixteen and inserting
2 in place the following:

'Sect. 16. This act shall take effect when approved by a
2 majority of the legal voters of that portion of the town of
3 Mexico comprised within the limits defined in section one
4 of this act, who are present and vote at a special meeting
5 of the voters living within said described area, to be called
6 by the selectmen of said Mexico as soon as may be after
7 ninety days from the date of the adjournment of the legis-
8 lature, and not later than the third Monday of August, in

9 the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and
 10 twenty-nine. Said special meeting shall be called by the se-
 11 lectmen of the town of Mexico, and shall be called, warned
 12 and conducted according to the law relating to municipal
 13 elections, provided, however, that the selectmen of the town
 14 of Mexico shall not be required to prepare for posting new
 15 lists of voters included within said water district, and des-
 16 cribed in section one. For the purpose of registration, said
 17 board of selectmen of Mexico shall be in session at its office
 18 the secular day next preceding said special election. The
 19 clerk of the town of Mexico shall reduce the subject mat-
 20 ter of the act to the following question: "Shall the Act to
 21 Incorporate the Mexico Water District be Accepted?" and
 22 the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words
 23 "yes" or "no" their opinion of the same. In addition, upon
 24 the same ballot shall be the following question: "In case this
 25 act is approved, shall the trustees be,

(1) appointed by the selectmen

(2) elected by ballot by the voters

26 and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed in the proper
 27 square opposite the question, their opinion of the same.
 28 The result of the balloting in each case shall be declared
 29 by the selectmen of Mexico and certificate thereof shall be
 30 filed by the clerk of the town of Mexico with the secretary
 31 of state.'

And by striking out the whole of section seventeen and
 2 inserting in place the following:

‘Sect. 17. If the inhabitants residing within the limits de-
2 fined in section one of this act shall approve said act to in-
3 corporate said water district by a majority of the legal vot-
4 ers at said special election, then the territory as defined in
5 said section one of this act, and the people within the same
6 shall constitute the water district hereby created, and shall
7 be empowered with all the rights, privileges and franchises
8 conferred by this act, and shall be authorized to proceed
9 in all acts, matters and things necessary to carry out the
10 purposes of this act. As early as may be after said special
11 election, if said act has been approved by the Mexico water
12 district and the voters of said district at said election deter-
13 mine that such trustees shall be chosen by the municipal
14 officers, then the municipal officers of the town of Mexico
15 shall meet and choose three members who shall constitute
16 the board of trustees for said water district, or if the voters
17 of said district at said election shall determine that such
18 trustees shall be elected by vote of the legal voters resident
19 within said district, then a special election shall be held
20 therefor not later than September fifteenth, nineteen hun-
21 dred twenty-nine, to be called by the selectmen of Mexico
22 and shall be called, warned and conducted in accordance
23 with the same provisions made in section sixteen hereof so
24 far as the same may be applicable thereto.’